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SUBJECT: UK DISCUSSION WITH KHOTULEV ABOUT FLAG TOURS

1.ON A CALL AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY ON JUNE 16, UK POLAD
GLADSTONE REMINDED KHOTULEV OF AN EARLIER DEMARCHE WHICH
THE UK HAD MADE AT PROTOCOL OFFICER LEVEL CONCERNING COM-
PENSATION FOR DAMAGE TOTHE CAR OF A JUNIOR BMG OFFICER IN
NOVEMBER (HE WAS STRUCK BY AN EAST GERMAN TRUCK IN EAST
BERLIN). KHOTULEV COMMENTED LIGHTHEARTEDLY THAT THIS WAS
NOTHING COMPARED TO THE DM40,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE PERPETRATED
BY ALLIED VEHICLES IN EAST BERLIN.

2. THIS PROVIDED GLADSTONE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND
THE RUSSIANS THAT THEIR MILITARY VEHICLES IN WEST BERLIN
WERE NOT BLAMELESS. HE CITED THE HIT AND RUN INCIDENT OF
MARCH 26 INVOLVING THE SOVIET MILITARY CAR 37 71 CA
AND A VW VAN NEAR POTSDAMER BRUECKE. KHOTULEV TOOK NOTE,
APPEARED CONCERNED AND UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO IT. HE
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ASKED WHY WE HAD NOT RAISED THE INCIDENT AT THE TIME.
GLADSTONE EXPLAINED THAT WE DID NOT WISH TO MAKE TOO MUCH
OUT OF SUCH THINGS, INDEED THERE TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENTS
(SPEEDING, ETC.) BEING COMMITTED BY SOVIET VEHICLES IN THE
WSB ALL THE TIME. KHOTULEV DISMISSED THE LATTER WITH
A WAVE OF HIS HAND BUT SAID THAT DAMAGE WAS QUITE ANOTHER
MATTER.

3. KHOTULEV DID NOT REVERT TO THE SOVIET BLACKLIST OF 15 ALLEGED TRANSGRESSIONS BY ALLIED VEHICLES NOR DID HE AT ANY POINT SPEAK OF FLAG TOURS AS SUCH. GLADSTONE COMMENTED THAT IT WAS INTERESTING THAT HE MADE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS(WHICH WERE UNIMPORTANT) AND ACTUAL DAMAGE. OF THE 15 TRANSGRESSIONS IN THE SOVIET NOTE, 14 FALL INTO THE FORMER CATEGORY.
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